Mr. M Ramachandra Rao: All that I can now say is that the members of the Committee in the Quilon Division have travelled a lot and hence the necessity for paying them.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Am I to take it that the member has no belief in economies being effected?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao: Whenever occasions arise I do effect economies in expenditure relating to my department.

President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 3050 for additional grant for the T. A. of the members of the Jenmikaram Commutation Committee Rs. 1150, additional grants of Rs. 1500 under T. A. and of Rs. 400 under Anchal charges in the budget of the Income-tax Department be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

II. MEDICAL.

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 5500 for the supply of Coal Gas to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, during 1113 and 1114. Coal Gas is used in the General Hospital for sterilising purposes in the operation theatre, clinical laboratory and the out patient department. This supply was first begun from Mithunam 1112. So it was not possible to know the amount required on account of the cost of supply made in the year 1113 in that year itself. The invoices were received from the P. W. D. only in Thulam 1114 and according to those invoices the cost of supply for 1113 comes to Rs. 2700. Calculated on the above basis the cost for the year 1114 is estimated at Rs. 2800. Therefore the expenditure for 1113 and 1114 put together comes to Rs. 5500. It is to meet the above expenditure that the grant has been applied for. I request that the House may be pleased to vote this grant.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapally, Karthigapally and Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): May I know why the P. W. Department has made such a long delay as late as Thulam 1114 in submitting their invoices towards the supply of coal gas.

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai: They were able to prepare the estimate for 1113 only at the beginning of this year.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: It was stated by the member that the supply of coal gas began as early as Kanni 1112.

Mr. P Parameswaran Pillai: No, Sir. I beg to correct that statement. The supply began only in Mithunam 1112.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Was it not possible for the department to submit the invoices much earlier?

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Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai: It might have been possible for the department to send the invoices a little earlier. Anyhow the invoices were actually received only in Thulam 1114.

President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 5500 for the supply of coal gas to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, during 1113 and 1114 be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

XI. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 13,745, under Demand XI—General Administration. This amount is required for payment to the Trivandrum Municipality towards water tax in respect of the Public Offices and certain allied buildings for the year 1114 and the three preceding years, 1111, 1112 and 1113. The details connected with the assessment of Government buildings to water tax had to be settled in consultation with the Chief Engineer, the Water Works Engineer and the Municipal Council. These details were fixed up only by the end of 1113; and it was not, therefore possible to provide the amount as a regular allotment in the budget for the current year. It was also not possible for the Accountant-General to find the required funds by diversion from other sanctioned items. Hence this demand. I request the House to sanction the grant.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether it is proper to divert from other funds under the rules for meeting this expenditure?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Yes, Sir. Diversion of funds can be made under the rules if found necessary in the exigencies of the administration, provided that savings are available out of sanctioned allotments.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know from the member whether the rules do not prohibit diversion from other heads of sanctioned fund?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Principles of re-appropriation have been definitely stated in the Financial and Account Code. I am not in a position to state whether the re-appropriation which the honourable member has just adverted to will be in order or not.

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